



Match Report

Opponent: Towson University

Date: 22 OCT 05

First Match:	Navy 53	TU 3	A Side
Second Match:	Navy 71	TU 0	B Side

Navy made its second appearance of the season on Farragut Field with only a slight change in the weather; still raining this time, just not pouring like it did when Air Force visited. The match got under way with a Towson kicking. The Blue and Gray glad Navy side wasted little time and moved the ball through the hands of the backs to second-class wing Adam Niznik who scored in the corner three minutes in, no conversion (Navy 5, Towson 0). Niznik showed great awareness as the Towson defense pushed him across the pitch toward the touch line. Niznik kept his feet moving and lunged just inside the try flag just as he was about to go out of bounds. Two minutes later second-class center Michael Humara scored under the posts, the beneficiary of a long run by second-class lock Blake Lindsey who broke the defense after some nice misdirection play from captain and senior 8 man Jake Womble, no conversion (Navy 10, Towson 0). Navy was again in the

try zone in the ninth minute. This time Womble picked from the scrum and went weakside with senior scrum half Mac Marrone. Marrone took the pass and froze the fullback before unloading to second-class wing Chase Hobby who cruised in. Hobby made the conversion for a 17 nil score. Smart forward play around the ruck lead to another connection between Womble and Lindsey, this one much shorter but ending with the Navy lock scoring under the posts, no conversion (Navy 22, Towson 0). Towson began to find their feet and made a incursions into Navy territory before the Blue and Gray struck again. A stolen ruck by the Navy defense resulted in the Navy backs moving quickly across and down the field. Good ball movement from Humara to senior fullback Eric McElvenny and then Hobby. Hobby also very aware of his support came to a full stop in the muddy conditions, drew in the defender and provided sprinting second-class center Kevin Peterson a little pop pass

that the Towson defender could not react to. Peterson scored in the corner, no conversion (Navy 27, Towson 0). Eager to continue their smooth play around the ruck, the Navy pack drove the ball down the field starting in a scrum followed by strong runs off the ruck. Captain and senior prop Ian Uber finished the dominating show by diving into try off another ruck, Hobby's conversion made it Navy 34, Towson nil. The last ten minutes of the half saw Towson make their strongest push yet forcing Navy to make a stand with in five meters of try to end the half 34 nil.

Navy kicked to open the second half started just as they had in the first with Niznik scampering into the corner on a 25 meter run just two minutes in. Hobby converted (Navy 41, Towson 0). The pressure remained on as senior flanker Tommy Ragsdale picked from a Navy ruck and drove deep into the 22 of Towson. McElvenny received the ball through quick Navy hands to dive in from three meters out. Again Hobby converted (Navy 48, Towson 0). This time it was Towson following quickly with a score of their own, a 30 meter penalty to make the score line Navy 48, Towson 3. The next 20 minutes saw very tough played rugby move back between the 22

meter lines. Tempers looked to boil over midway through the half as a Towson player landed a punch on Womble when he deemed Womble made aggressive contact from an offside origin; the referee agreed but not see the shot to the jaw or Womble's mouth piece exit the grasp of his incisors. The scoring was completed when second-class scrumhalf Graham Cleveland created some misdirection around the ruck for the final score of Navy 53, Towson 3.

The second match started with the same scoring pace as the first with Navy opening their account with third-class flanker Dane Sagerholm rumbling in at 5 minutes, no conversion (Navy 5, Towson 0). Three minutes later plebe wing Andrew Cody took the ball from hands and slid in for the try, Fogler converted (Navy 12, Towson 0). Navy maintained the heavy pressure on the Towson defense. Sagerholm was again into score in the 12th minute, Fogler again converted (Navy 19, Towson 0). Navy again found themselves dominating play inside the Towson 22 and this time plebe scrumhalf Kevin Dewey went around the ruck to make the score 24 nil. The game began to open a bit with play moving back to between the Towson 22 and midfield. Playing in front of his

family, third-class flanker Michael Stanley was the next to score as the pack continued their controlled play at the rucks. Fogler converted (Navy 31, Towson 0). Navy would score one more time before halftime with Cody scoring his second wide on the right wing again the recipient of well played ball from the Navy Backs, Fogler converted his fourth (Navy 38, Towson 0).

The second half opened with a Dewey kick off and Navy promptly stealing the ball. A long run through the Towson defense gave Stanley his second of the day and Navy a 45 nil lead when Quin converted. Navy maintained the attack in Towson territory. The Navy backs continued to move the ball quickly and up the field. A combination of strong runs by senior center Shawn Lang and third-class center Jeff Laupola left senior fullback Michael Quin to outpace the Towson fullback and touch down for another Navy try, no conversion (Navy 50, Towson 0). As had been the story all day, Navy attacked short fields resulting from strong runs off the kickoffs from third-class hooker David Allen. Second-class Pat Butler was the next to score for Navy as he darted through the Towson midfield after a nice fake to the backs. Again Quin converted (Navy 57, Towson 0). Quin again looked set to score,

drew in a defender, then feeding Laupola who broke the midfield defense and decided to share the wealth by placing a perfect pass to senior wing Carlos Oroza. However, as Oroza strolled in, he was tackled into try and lost the ball, much to the chagrin of Oroza and humor of the Navy sideline. Strong runs from Allen lead to two more Navy scores in the final two minutes as Lang and third-class flanker Clayton Sear completed the scoring for a final score line of Navy 71, Towson 0, Quin converted both.

Scoring Stats:

A Side

Trys

Cleveland
Hobby
Humara
Lindsey
McElvenny
Niznik x2
Peterson
Uber

Penalties

None

Conversions made

Hobby x4

Conversions missed

Hobby x5

Cards

None

B Side

Trys

Butler	
Cody	x2
Dewey	
Lang	
Quin	
Sagerholm	x2
Sears	
Stanley	x2

Penalties

None

Conversions made

Fogler	x4
Quin	x4

Conversions missed

Fogler	x2
Quin	

Cards

None

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